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Intermediate Student "Elves" at W.H. Day Elementary School in Bradford read stories to younger students at the school Library, December 17 - an Activity Day that included a Primary Concert in the gym, outdoor play, and cooking fun in the Staff Room kitchen. December 19 is the last day of school before the Holidays.

A giving time of year!

Saturday, December 21 is the first day of winter, the winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year.

It's also the second day of the Holiday break for students in Public and Catholic Schools, and just 3 days before Christmas Eve.

This past week has seen schools celebrate the season, with Holiday Concerts, Storytime visits with Santa, and activity days filled with "Elves" and outdoor fun in the snow.

But students have also remembered those in need, this

festive season. Classrooms have collected non-perishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank; at Bradford District High School and Holy Trinity Catholic High School, home rooms once again "adopted" families in need, raising

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A Market in review

The vendors at the Bradford Farmers' Market are a hardy bunch. Over the summer of 2013, they handled heat, cold, rain, even snow - but the high, gusty winds on October 26 nearly defeated them.

It was the final day of the 2013 market season, and the vendors did come out. But with winds hitting 50 kmph, most didn't even try to set up their tents.

Instead, the Market became a "boot sale", with vendors selling their products out of the trunks of their vehicles. The only exceptions were European Meats, which had its tent in the shelter of the Bradford Library, and both Spring Farms and Lakeview Gardens - which displayed their produce on open tables, as the owners huddled in their parkas.

A small but steady stream of customers also braved the weather to say goodbye for the season, and purchase local produce and baking. There were rewards for hardy customers - free coffees, free maple treats from Everything Maple, and a free small jar of jam, with every large jar purchased from Jan's Jams.

On December 17, Market vendor and spokesperson Laura Vree came to BWG Council, to provide an update on the market's success - and to thank Council for providing the "new" location, at the BWG Public Library parking lot on Holland St. West.

"Our new location has been the kick-start our fledgling market needed," Vree told Councillors, noting that the market struggled at its previous location, adjacent to the old community centre. By the end of 2011,

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In the early morning hours of Friday, December 13, South Simcoe Police were conducting a RIDE check at the Intersection of 20th SR and 9th Line of Innisfil. At about 1:00 a.m., a vehicle stopped and the female driver was spoken to by an officer, who directed her to pull her car to the side of the road after detecting an odor of alcohol on her breath. The woman provided her licence and pulled to the side of the road, but when the officer looked away, she accelerated away from the check point.

The officer pursued the vehicle for approximately 1.5 km, before it pulled over again. A 29 year old Innisfil woman was arrested, the Mobile Command Post was brought in and an Intoxilizer test administered – and the woman is now facing charges of Impaired Driving, Over .080, and Flight from Police. Her licence was suspended for 90 days, and her vehicle impounded.

Despite the bitterly cold weather, South Simcoe Police continued the RIDE program on Dec. 13.

Shortly after midnight, a 35 year old Bradford man was stopped in a RIDE check on Northgate Drive, and asked for a roadside breath sample; he registered in the WARM range and received a 3-day suspension. Just minutes later, a 48 year old Bradford man was stopped at the same

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Documenting the Marsh Mucker's Tale

"Cities exist because farmers exist... Food does not come from the grocery store." - Marsh Mucker.

The Holland Marsh is unique – not only because of its organic soils, but because of the co-operation and the partnerships that exist, said Jamie Reaume, Executive Director of the Holland Marsh Growers' Association.

Those partnerships – with King Township and the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Conservation Authorities and the Federal government – made it possible to film "The Marsh Mucker's Tale," the first documentary to look at agriculture in the Holland Marsh, and the people who farm the area.

Both farmers and guest workers were interviewed for the documentary, filmed this summer on location. The film was released in a special screening at the Holland Marsh Winery on December 12 – attended by many of the contributing farmers.

The documentary looks at the issues that face "Marsh Muckers" – some of which are unique to the muck soils, and some of which face farmers across the province, including the challenge of ever-increasing input costs, while prices paid for produce remain what they were 50 years ago; and the threat to the family farm from U.S. conglomerates, buying up Canadian acreage.

"These guys spoke from the heart. There is no other area in all of the province that could have almost 40 farmers involved in this. This area is

so special," said Reaume. "I've seen agriculture, coast to coast. We've got so much. We've developed such partnerships – we're the envy of every other area... This area has incredible political clout, to move things forward to the benefit of everyone."

"Everyone on Council and everyone in Town is enormously proud of the Marsh. It is our identity," said Bradford



West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White. Few people know where Bradford is located, he noted, but "the moment you say, You know that black soil on the 400? Boom! Instant recognition."

The film combines images of the land being farmed today with historic footage from the 1940s and '50s, as it looks at the issues, the farming families, and the diversity – not only of the farmers, but the variety of crops grown, "from Artichokes to Zucchini," said Avia Eek, King Twp. Councillor – not just carrots and onions. The screening was a special thank-you to all involved, from the farmers to the local Municipal councils, Reaume said. The documentary is now available for \$10, to cover costs; contact Jody Mott at 905-888-6737 or email inourhands@sympatico.ca to order.

"We are tentatively booked at a number of film festivals. We're trying to move into the mainstream," Reaume said – and into schools. "The story is so important. This is really a community-driven project."

"Am I proud to be a marsh mucker? Absolutely. I love it." – Ken Veikari.
Photo: BWG Councillor Gary Lamb, right, with Marsh Mucker Dave Eek.

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Hit & Run

About 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 16, South Simcoe Police were called to the intersection of Yonge St. and 10th Line Innisfil, regarding a hit and run collision.

A GMC pickup truck southbound on Yonge ran the red traffic signal at the 10th Line, striking a silver Honda that was westbound on the 10th. The Honda left the roadway, striking two vehicles parked on the south side of Line 10, west of Yonge. The driver of the pick-up truck made no attempt to stop.

The driver of the Honda suffered minor injuries, and was treated on the scene by paramedics. The suspect vehicle was later located abandoned on the 10th Line near Hwy. 400. Police spoke with the owner of the vehicle, who said it had been stolen from a business on Innisfil Beach Rd. earlier in the day. Evidence was collected on scene by a Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO), to be sent to the Centre for Forensic Science in Toronto for analysis, and Police are obtaining video footage from the area.

Anyone who may have observed the suspect vehicle, a red 2003 GMC pickup truck with snowplow in front and the name, Precision Snow Removal on the side, either before or after the collision, is asked to contact Police at 705-436-2141 or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-TIPS.

Collision blamed on road conditions

At about 9 p.m. on Dec. 16, South Simcoe Police were called to the 9th Line of Innisfil, just west of the railroad tracks, for a single vehicle collision.

A 58 year old Barrie woman was driving her VW westbound on the 9th line and crossed over the tracks, losing control of vehicle, and entering the south ditch. The vehicle continued into the bush, striking a tree. The woman sustained injuries.

An alert passer-by called 911, after observing the woman standing outside her smashed vehicle, seeking aid. She was treated on the scene by paramedics, then transported to hospital in Barrie. No charges were laid due to local road conditions, but Police remind all motorists to drive with extra care during winter conditions.

Dangerous driving

At about 3 a.m. on Dec. 15, a South Simcoe Police officer on patrol in the downtown core of Bradford observed a VW Golf on Holland St. W. perform a "brake stand", while at the intersection, then quickly accelerate away. The Golf was followed at a high rate of speed down Simcoe Rd. before it skidded to a stop and pulled into a private driveway. The driver, a 32 year old Newmarket man was arrested and charged with Dangerous Driving.

Bradford's Hamby Well to be decommissioned

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has decommissioned a number of its smaller wells - Simcoe, Bingham, Soda Pop and Doane - in response to the new Source Water Protection Act.

The municipality hesitated to decommission the 8th Line (Hamby) well, constructed in 1996, even though the well has not been used as a source of water for the Town since 2008.

But on December 3, BWG Council decided to pull the plug on the well, and permanently decommission the facility.

The major concern was the presence of Trihalomethanes in the Hamby well, a Class B carcinogen known to cause cancer in Lab animals. The

high THM levels were traced to the presence of organic compounds in the water.

To keep the Hamby well operating under new standards would require the installation of a filtration system, at a cost of over \$400,000 - plus additional repairs and refurbishing of pumps and

motors, and upgrades to the remote-monitoring SCADA system, adding another \$50,000.

The closure of the 8th Line Well will mean that there are no active wellhead areas within Bradford West Gwillimbury, that require monitoring or remediation under Source

Water Protection. The Town's active Church Wells are located largely in York Region, and the Town plans to sign an agreement to have York Region provide Risk Management Services for the wellhead area. The plaque designating the Hamby Well will be preserved.

Drinking water protection grants

The Province of Ontario has announced that 41 municipalities will be receiving Source Water Protection grants totalling at least \$1.944 million from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, to help offset the costs of implementing new Source Drinking Water Protection legislation.

The province has committed \$13.5 million over the next 3 years to help support small, rural municipalities as they cope with implementing the new regulations, to protect wellhead areas and water intake zones. Individual grants range from \$18,000 to \$100,000. Among the recipients: The County of Simcoe will receive \$47,800; the Town of Innisfil will receive \$52,500; Town of New Tecumseth - \$45,000; and Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, \$45,000.

Municipalities can also receive a "collaboration incentive" of up to another \$15,000 if they can show that they are collaborating with other municipalities in their efforts.

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letters to the editor

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your support we would not be able to survive in this economy. Always remember that we small businesses are here for you, and will give the service that you deserve. Shop Bradford, and keep our Downtown alive!

Nancy Young,
Nancy's Nifty Nook



Nancy Young, left, and Kathy Clarke, at the 25th Anniversary of the Nook.

Bradford Legion

The Bradford Legion has new hours, opening each Saturday at noon.

Friday Night Social Time - every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Come out and enjoy dinner prepared and served by the Culinary Arts Students at Bradford District High School, for a nominal fee, then stay for music and fellowship. On the first Friday of the month come out and enjoy Karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. All welcome.

Monday and Thursday Night Fun Barts, 7:30 at the Branch. Everyone welcome - membership not required.

Euchre, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 1 p.m. All welcome. Next Euchre: this Saturday, Dec. 21.

President's Levee, at the Bradford Legion on Wednesday, January 1, at 1 p.m. Drop in for refreshments, and season's greetings from your Executive.

The Legion is here for Canada's Vets; you don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Contact Veterans Services Officer Sean Griffin at 705-251-0208.

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CHATS currently provides close to 77,000 drives to seniors and those with age-related conditions, in York Region and South Simcoe each year.

In fact, the demand for transportation is growing so rapidly that there is a waiting list - and CHATS is in need of volunteer drivers, to help Bradford West Gwillimbury-area seniors get around. Volunteer drivers can use their own vehicles, and will be reimbursed mileage. Anyone interested in becoming part of the CHATS team is asked to call 1-877-755-3494 or email hiring@chats.on.ca

For information on the full range of programs and services offered by CHATS, see www.chats.on.ca

IODE giving tradition



The West Gwillimbury Chapter IODE has long provided Christmas gifts to residents in Long Term Care. Here, IODE members Sylvia Luxton, left and Pat Winnacott present gifts to Bradford Valley Residents' Association president, Ivan Simmonds, Dec. 13, to be distributed.



At the Danube Srs. Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., held a members-only Christmas Lunch on Dec. 14 - catered, to give the kitchen volunteers a break!

For information on programs and events, call 905-775-0612. Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Coming up: The Presidents' Levee, on New Year's Day, January 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. Drop by the Centre for a social afternoon, an opportunity to meet the Centre's Executive, and enjoy free refreshments.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS WASTE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION



WASTE COLLECTIONS

Regular day:

- Wednesday, December 25, 2013
- Thursday, December 26, 2013
- Friday, December 27, 2013
- Wednesday, January 1, 2014
- Thursday, January 2, 2014
- Friday, January 3, 2014

Moves to:

- Thursday, December 26, 2013
- Friday, December 27, 2013
- Saturday, December 28, 2013
- Thursday, January 2, 2014
- Friday, January 3, 2014
- Saturday, January 4, 2014

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES HOURS

Waste facilities will be closed at noon:

- Tuesday, December 24, 2013

Waste facilities will be closed all day:

- Wednesday, December 25, 2013
- Thursday, December 26, 2013
- Wednesday, January 1, 2014



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TOWN COUNCIL

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are available from the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com.

For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole – Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.

- Tues. Jan. 21 @ 7:00 pm- BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Seniors Housing Committee

- Wed. Jan 15 @ 7:00 p.m. – 81 Melbourne Drive, Jonkman Room

Active Transportation Meeting

- Thurs. Jan 16 @ 7:00 p.m. - 425 Holland St. W., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CO-OP/SUMMER STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is now accepting applications for the following positions:

Day Camp Employment 2014-DD01	Wastewater Co-op 2014-WW01
Events Assistant 2014-EA01	Water Co-op 2014-WC01
Parks Maintenance 2014-PM01	Building Co-op 2014-BC01
	Engineering Co-op 2014-EN01

A complete description of job duties, qualifications and application instructions for these positions can be found on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at www.townofbwg.com under the *Employment Opportunities* section; or at the Towns Human Resources office as listed below.

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Human Resources Department
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We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, personal information is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act*, and will only be used for candidate selection.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

NOTICES

12 Days of Holiday Safety

To raise awareness on the most common causes of home fire during the holidays and how to prevent them, the Fire Marshals' Public Fire Safety Council is launching the "12 Days of Holiday Fire Safety" again this year.

Day 1 Water fresh trees daily. If you're using a real tree, buy a fresh tree and keep the base of the trunk in water at all times. Keep your tree away from any ignition source such as the fireplace, heaters or candles.

Day 2 Check all sets of lights before decorating. Before you put those lights on the tree or around the front window check the cords closely. Discard any sets that are frayed or damaged.

Day 3 Make sure you have working smoke alarms. Replace smoke alarms if they are over 10 years old. Remember that you need working smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Test your alarms to make sure they will alert you and your family if a fire occurs.

Day 4 Make sure you have working carbon monoxide alarms. Replace any carbon monoxide alarms over seven years old. Installing carbon monoxide alarms in your home will alert you to the presence of this deadly gas.

Day 5 Make sure everyone knows how to get out safely if a fire occurs. Develop and practise a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and make sure someone helps young children, older adults or anyone else that may need assistance to evacuate. Once outside, stay outside and call 911 from a cell phone or neighbour's house.

Day 6 Use extension cords wisely. Extension cords should be used only as a temporary connection. Make sure cords never go under rugs as this can cause damage to the cord and cause a fire.

Day 7 Give space heaters space. If you are using space heaters remember to keep them at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn such as curtains, upholstery, or holiday decorations.

Day 8 When you go out, blow out! Remember to always blow out candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Keep it candles safely away from children and pets and anything that can burn, such as curtains, upholstery, or holiday decorations.

Day 9 Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children. People often keep matches and lighters handy to light holiday candles. But matches and lighters can be deadly in the hands of children. If you smoke, have only one lighter or book of matches and keep them with you at all times.

Day 10 Watch what you heat! Cooking fires most commonly occur when cooking is left unattended. Always stay in the kitchen when cooking – especially if using oil or high temperatures. If a pot catches fire, carefully slide a tight-fitting lid over the pot to smother the flames and then turn off the heat.

Day 11 Encourage smokers to smoke outside. If you do allow smoking indoors use large, deep ashtrays that can't be knocked over and make sure cigarette butts are properly extinguished.

Day 12 There's more to responsible drinking than taking a smoke break. Keep a close eye on anyone attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol is at too often a common factor in many fatal fires.

For more information contact the Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire Department at (905) 775-7311.

Early Notice of Nomination for Office

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 32)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nomination Period for the 2014 Bradford West Gwillimbury Election opens on **January 2, 2014**.

Nomination Papers and Candidates' Guide for the following offices can be found at:

**Administrative Centre, 100 Dissette Street, Bradford
OR
Town's web site www.townofbwg.com**

- 1 MAYOR (Elected at Large)
- 1 DEPUTY MAYOR (Elected at Large)
- 7 COUNCILLORS (1 Councillor Elected for each Ward)

- 1 TRUSTEE English Language Public District School Board
- 1 TRUSTEE English Language Catholic District School Board
- 1 TRUSTEE French Language Public School Board
- 1 TRUSTEE French Language Catholic School Board

Note: Confirmation of the number of school board trustees and municipality for filling nomination papers has yet to be determined. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

Candidate filing fees are as follows:

Mayor	\$200.00
Deputy Mayor and Councillors	\$100.00
School Board Trustee	\$100.00

Fees must be paid by cash, certified cheque, money order, debit or credit card.

A nomination must be certified by the Clerk before such person becomes a certified candidate for the office to which he/she is nominated. No person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for the purpose of the election or incur campaign expenses until that person has filed a Nomination Paper with the Clerk.

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NOTICES

**BWG HOLIDAY HOURS
CENTRE OF OPERATION**

December 24:	6:00 am – 11:30 am
December 25:	CLOSED
December 26:	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
December 31:	6:00am – 1:00 pm

**Family First Night Event
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**Survive the Holidays – Keep Your
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While the holiday season can be one of the most festive times of the year, it also can be one of the deadliest.

The fact that fires have occurred in a number of cities across the province shows that fires can happen anywhere, at anytime. You need to be prepared to protect your family and home.

It's the law in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas in your home. Installing and maintaining working smoke alarms can provide you with the early warning you need to escape a fire. Failure to comply with the smoke alarm law can result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine of up to \$100,000.

But the best way to protect your family and home from fire is to prevent one from starting in the first place. Here are a few tips to ensure that you safely enjoy the holiday season.

1. Buy a fresh tree and keep the base of the trunk in water at all times. Lit candles should never be placed on or near the Christmas tree.
2. Check all sets of lights before putting them on the tree. Discard any sets of lights before putting them on the tree. Discard any sets that are damaged or old.
3. Keep candles in a sturdy holder away from children, pets and combustible materials. Blow them out before leaving the room.
4. Avoid overloading a circuit with multiple outlets. If additional outlets or circuits are required, have them installed by a licensed electrician.
5. Check cords for damage such as fraying or nicks. A damaged cord can expose wires and result in a potential shock or fire hazard.
6. Avoid running cords under rugs, which can damage the cord and cause fire.
7. Extension cords should not be linked together. Instead, use an extension cord that is long enough to do the job.

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire Department knows all too well how quickly celebrations can turn to tragedies when you forget to include fire safety in your holiday plans. Consider these simple tips to ensure your family has a safe and happy holiday.

**Your NEW Utility (Water/Wastewater)
Bill is coming soon...**


The Town of Bradford received the Final Billing summary data from PowerStream on November 29, 2013. The Town's Finance Department is currently working on updating and verifying the 8,681 municipal supplied water & wastewater billing accounts that have been taken over from PowerStream on December 1, 2013. The verification and update of the data is nearly completed and we hope that this effort will help to minimize billing issues that may arise in the future. This detailed review has resulted in a number of corrections to the data provided by PowerStream resulting in time well spent to ensure a greater level of accuracy with the Town's first run of utility bills.

There has unfortunately been a recent unforeseen software issue with the billing program that needs to be resolved before any bills can be produced. Our IT department has been working diligently with our software supplier to resolve these problems.

In an effort to provide better customer service to our users, we now plan to send out bills in early January rather than in December due to the office closure during the Christmas holidays. In short we want to be able to answer any questions that our users may have subsequent to receiving their first utility bills from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Who do I call with questions regarding my water meter?

- Water Department, 305 Barrie Street, at 905-778-2055 extension 2100, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm with any water meter questions or to schedule an appointment.

For after-hours emergencies please contact South Simcoe Police at 905-775-3311.

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Culinary Event of '13

Savour Simcoe, a culinary event at the Simcoe County Museum that pairs local food and local chefs, won the Culinary Tourism Award of Excellence, as the **Ontario Culinary Event of the Year** for 2013. The award was presented at the Tourism Industry Assoc. of Ontario Summit & Gala, Nov. 14.

Town asked to put Food & Water First

After a 6-year battle to halt the MegaQuarry, NDACT (North Dufferin Agricultural & Community Taskforce) has a new focus, and a campaign: "Food and Water First."

Shirley Boxem, NDACT member, came to Bradford Council on Dec. 3, to explain the organization's "Phase 2" in its fight against the Megaquarry, and to ask for BWG's support.

Boxem told Councillors that although The Highland Companies application in Melancton Twp. has been withdrawn, the fight continues because "Ontario, and some municipalities more than others, have very poor regulatory structures. Anybody can put in a quarry, anywhere." The result is an ongoing threat to both groundwater supply and prime farmland.

Boxem noted that Agriculture

remains the #1 economic driver in Ontario, but is under threat, "with agricultural land being lost at 350 hectares per day."

Food & Water First wants to partner with municipalities, to make the preservation of prime agricultural land, and water recharge areas, a priority. The focus is on supporting local food, a sustainable environment, and protecting farmland.

"It's not against development. It's not against aggregate extraction. It's about good planning," she said. "It's (about) a future where food is secure and everyone is on the same page."

After all, Boxem said, "Prime farmland is a non-renewable resource... What kind of future do you want for our children? One that is secure, or one that is dependent on foreign food sources?"



Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Above, Spring Gardens, on the last day of the 2013 Bradford Farmers' Market, Oct. 26. Below, vendors came prepared for the weather.

A successful Farmers' Market

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only 7 vendors agreed to come back.

But with the new location, the number of vendors grew in 2012, and again in 2013 - to 22 vendors offering everything from Holland Marsh produce to local meats, milk, yoghurt, baked goods and preserves, natural soaps and skin-care products, artisanal flour, crafts, and more.

Seven of the returning vendors doubted their sales in a single year, Vree said, as an estimated 20,000 people visited the market over the course of the season. And everything sold at the market "met our standards: made or grown locally."

Vree concluded, "The Bradford Farmers' Market is an ambassador of our Town," and of local food culture. "For long-time Bradford residents, our Farmers' Market is not a secret any more. It's a destination."

But there is a threat to its continuing success, she warned. The Market has received \$5,000 from the Office of Economic Development annually, to help cover the cost of hiring a Market manager, advertising, and recently, purchase of a storage trailer, to make it easier to store the tents, chairs and other items belonging to the Market.

The 2014 budget cuts the amount to \$2,500. "Our Market is still in its infancy," Vree said, noting that it has a

number of ongoing costs, not covered by vendor fees - and pointing out that the Town claws back \$1,000 of the \$5,000 budget each year, as payment for use of the Library parking lot.

Councillors seemed surprised that the Town had been taking the \$1,000 - and that the 2014 budget had been cut, promising to take a second look at the figures in the new year, to find the additional dollars.

"The Town can be proud of the market. It is a meeting place on Saturday mornings," said Deputy Mayor Rob Keffert, supporting the additional funding.

"These people do a tremendous job. It's a tremendous asset that we can't afford to lose," said Councillor Del Crake.



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A dinner for Tayah



Every year, the Voice and Piano Students of Suzanne Grondin performed a winter benefit concert, raising money for a number of important causes. This winter, the Concert, held Dec. 14 at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Bradford, was a fundraiser for little Tayah Fairbrother and her family. Tayah, now 5, was diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma in Oct. 2012, and has been battling the cancer, undergoing rounds of chemotherapy, radiation and immunotherapy. Recently, the cancer returned, and Tayah was back in Sick Kids' hospital. The concert featured seasonal music, and inspiring performances.

Above, teacher Suzanne Grondin and her students performed a Benefit Concert, on Dec. 14. Some students received awards, for Most Improved, and Student of the Year. Below, Yushya Liu sings, accompanied by Grondin.



Spaghetti Dinner for Tayah

Students in Bradford District High School's Challenge & Change Class are asked to come up with a project that will make a difference in their community.

Four students have decided to hold a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the little girl whose struggle captured the hearts of residents in Bradford West Gwillimbury. Tayah Fairbrother has battled Stage 4 Neuroblastoma since she was diagnosed at the age of 4, in 2012.

The students will hold a Spaghetti Dinner for the family on Saturday, January 11 at the Bradford Legion, 115 Buck St., starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 for kids under 10, for dinner of Spaghetti and either meat sauce or vegetarian sauce, Caesar Salad, and Dessert. There will also be a Silent Auction.

For tickets, contact dani3991@scdsb.on.ca or 905-778-0609, or Rachel, 289-264-6651.

Christmas Benefit concert

The 25th Annual, and final, Benefit Christmas Concert for the York Centre for Children takes place Sunday, Dec. 22 at Unionville Alliance Church, 4898 - 16th Ave. in Unionville, 4 p.m. Michael Burgess, Jackalyn Short, the Toronto Mass Choir, and Young Singers Children's Choir perform. \$25 general admission; reserved seats \$40 & \$50; 905-887-5896 or 905-294-5230.

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Lighting up Bond Head

Bond Head resident Art Luke has done it again. He's decorated his Victorian cottage on County Rd. 88 with an estimated 15,000 Christmas lights, that blink and flash in time to music. For those standing on the sidewalk, the music is clearly audible - but those watching from their vehicles are invited to tune their radios to 88.1 FM, to listen and get the full effect of the display. Luke has been decorating his home and wowing passers-by for years - but he has made some changes recently. Now, nearly all of his Christmas lights are LEDs - which means that, even when everything is on at the same time, the entire display draws less energy than one electric tea kettle.

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A giving time of year

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funds to purchase age-appropriate gifts for every member of each family. At Chris Hadfield Elementary School (the former Bradford Public School), the Leadership Group launched the Philippines Project "Giving Tree." Students and staff could purchase and sign a green "Hand" for a loonle, and attach the hands to the bare branches of a tree, in the main hallway. The campaign raised \$283 for Typhoon Haiyan relief. Fundraisers for Coats for Kids; collecting mitts, hats and scarves for the homeless; sharing the joy of the season - more than one school has adopted the motto of W.H. Day Elementary School, to "Think Global, Act Local," and make a difference, at this most giving time of year...



Teacher Andrea Evans at Chris Hadfield Elementary School, in front of the Project Philippines Giving Tree.

Santa's Corner!

Bradford's Scotiabank branch is hosting a Food Drive for the Helping Hand Food Bank, collecting non-perishable food items, but also "renting" out decorations, to decorate the Christmas tree in the branch at 460 Holland St. West. Tags are \$1, small Christmas balls are \$2, and large Christmas balls are \$5, with all proceeds going to the food bank!

Times Designs, 74 John St. West, is holding a Christmas Food Drive in partnership with Avon Reg Sherri Molnar, and the We grew up or live in Bradford West Gwillimbury facebook group. Until December 20, drop off donations at Times Designs Custom Embroidery, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Black Creek Pioneer Village, 1000 Murray Ross Parkway in Toronto, hosts Christmas by Lamplight, December 21, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Live music, ballroom dancing, old fashioned taffy pulls, choirs in the Church, chestnuts roasting over an open fire. A traditional Christmas Dinner is available on Sunday, Dec. 22 with sitings at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.; reservations required. Call 416-667-6295 or visit www.blackcreek.ca



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Lights display at Newmarket's Riverwalk

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see SANTA Page 11

Merry Christmas!
From my family to your family
Have a happy & safe holiday season & wish the best in 2014!

James Leduc, Councillor - Ward 6

Photo: Santa listens to Christmas wishes from Jordan, 3, (left) and Alexis, 4, at the Bradford Lions Club's Breakfast with Santa fundraiser for the Helping Hand Food Bank, held November 30 at the Bradford Community Centre.



TD Canada Trust in Bradford has been holding a Toy Drive and Food Drive for Blue Door Shelters. Here, Branch Manager Dennis Jannetta and Milla Huambachano, Customer Relations Co-ordinator, hold some of the donated toys. The Drive continues to December 20; still needed are gift cards for teens at the Shelter, located just off Yonge St.

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Dec. 27-30, and Jan. 2-5,
weather-permitting.

The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints and the Town of Newmarket present a Live Nativity Pageant at Fairy Lake Park, with performances at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. December 21-23 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 24. Free - dress for the weather, for this outdoor pageant.

York Region Community Choir performs live at Hillary House National Historic Site in Aurora on Saturday, December 21 from 1 to 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for Youth 12 & under and Seniors. Aurora Historical Society members are free. Located at 15372 Yonge St. This is the final opportunity to tour Hillary House this year, and enjoy decorations, crafts and activities, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Building a mountain of toys, at Southlake



Southlake Regional Health Centre participated in the annual Holiday Heroes Toy Drive - with staff members, doctors, students, volunteers and even vendors at the Newmarket hospital donating new, unwrapped toys, to build a mountain of toys in the main lobby, on December 11.

Holiday Heroes was launched by York Regional Police back in 2006, and since then, said Constable David Collie, "York Regional Police has received over \$700,000 in monetary donations, new toys, new clothing and food." Donations are distributed through agencies that include the York

Region Children's Aid Society and Rose of Sharon, to ensure that kids won't be forgotten at Christmas.

Every Department in the hospital found a different way to raise funds and buy toys. The Maternal Child and Eating Disorders program had every staff member draw a name - then imagine the person as a child, and purchase something for that "inner" child. The presents were unwrapped at a party, to much laughter, then donated to the toy drive.

The Cardiac Department held Bake Sales and other fundraisers, to fill a trolley with toys.

Southlake President and CEO Dr. Dave Williams joins York Regional Police officers at the Mountain of Toys, in the hospital lobby. Below right, officers get help from Audrey, 3.

Southlake CEO and President Dr. Dave Williams watched as the donations piled up. "It's a phenomenal day," he said, thanking everyone at the hospital. "The holiday season is a very special time for all of us... It can also be a time of great stress," especially to families facing illness or financial struggles.

Williams praised the donors for "meeting the social obligations that we have to be able to share." York Regional Police officers attended, and filled their "Holiday Heroes" van with the donations.



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Bradford Born Artists Holiday Show

Joey Mazzucco is a cancer survivor. Diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma at the age of 7, he spent a year at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, undergoing a limb transplant and rounds of treatment, pain and trauma. He lost his hair, due to chemotherapy - but donned the "cool" fedora that was to become his trademark.

Well again, and back at school, Joey couldn't stop thinking about other children still in hospital - fighting illness, and boredom. He wanted to help - and remembered how an iPad was a gift that helped him pass the time. He launched "Joey's Fedora Foundation" (www.joeysfedorafoundation.com) to raise funds to purchase iPads for kids with cancer.

On December 20, Joey will be partnering with the local arts group, Bradford Born Artists for a special Holiday Show and fundraiser for his Foundation. The Holiday Show will display the best in visual art, photography, live music and dance, at the old Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford. The event will also offer a Silent Auction and raffle, of items that include Blue Rodeo tickets, holiday gift baskets and more. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; admission is \$10, for an all-ages, kid-friendly event. Advance tickets are available at bradfordbornartists@gmail.com

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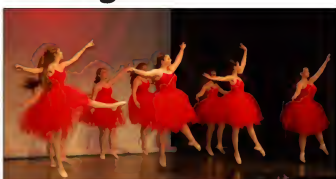
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Arts Night at BDHS



Photos by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Above, BDHS Dance Group performs a dance from The Nutcracker, at the Festival of the Arts, Dec. 12. Below, Emily Hartman with paintings; Gr. 9 band member.

From the Kon-tiki masks in the foyer, to the 8-member Bradford District High School Dance group, performing a scene from Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker, Arts Night at BDHS on December 12 was a showcase of young talent, featuring students enrolled in visual arts, dance, music and drama. The event was also a fundraiser for the Art Department, with donations accepted at the door, and a Café, selling cupcakes and coffee.

Among the works on display were collages, studies in black and white, and a number of large works, self-portraits by Grade 11 and 12 students.

"Their project was to take 3 positions they find themselves in during the day, and translate it into large-scale," said head of the Art department, Steve Bainborough.

Emily Hartman's self-portrait was a plea to look below the surface.

Hartman, who hopes to be a Child and Youth Worker, described art as a

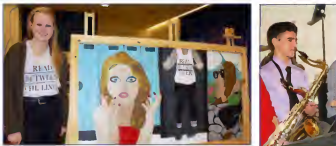
way to communicate, and potentially, a therapy tool.

She had originally planned to do a series of self-images putting on make-up, but then thought, "No, that's too superficial - I'm going to do something more 'me'."

Hartman has Asperger's - a disorder on the Autism spectrum, that involves difficulties in social interaction and "non-verbal" communications. She has faced challenges throughout her school career. Her painting grew out of a conversation with a friend: "Things aren't always how people see them," Hartman said. "They don't look at what's underneath. They kind of judge."

The Fall Arts Fair was an evening of art, entertainment, and powerful messages - and as Bainborough told the standing-room-only audience, "Art delights, instructs and consoles."

"Art educates," added drama teacher Keri Hughes.



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Dr. Jesse Chal, Bradford Family Dentistry at 76 Holland St. West in Bradford, welcomes Santa to his offices every year. It's all part of a Christmas Toy, Food and new clothing drive, that collects donations for CrossTrainers in Bradford - a Christian-based organization that assists the community through its Hand-Up Clothing Room, The Hub Youth Drop-in Centre, and other outreach programs.

This year Santa dropped by the offices on Dec. 10.

Kickstarter for Elves?

One Christmas Eve, David Burton's children demanded a Christmas story, one they had never heard before. Burton began telling them a story about one of Santa's Elves. When asked about the Elf's name, he looked out the window, noticed it was beginning to snow - and exclaimed, "Snowflake!" That was the start of the Workshop Elves - Snowflake, Holly, Twinkles, Angel, Jingles, Candy, Sparkles, Crystal and Master Elf - and Burton's self-published book, *Snowflake's Christmas*, which sold close to 50,000 copies.

Now, on the 30th Anniversary of *Snowflake's Christmas*, Burton is attempting to produce a half-hour 3-D animated TV Christmas Special, for the 2014 Holiday season. He has already invested \$100,000, through his production company "Imagine This," Productions in Thorold, but is in need of more funding. That's why he's now on Kickstarter, looking for crowd funding to bring SNOWFLAKE'S CHRISTMAS/WORKSHOP ELVES to life. See www.kickstarter.com to contribute.



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Frank Henriques

Last minute gifts on a budget

By Stefan Spiroff, Co-op Student at RHHS

Having trouble tightening your belt this holiday shopping season? Look no further than right here in Bradford: there are many stores within the community offering great holiday gifts for \$20 and under!



1. **Canadian Tire Store**, 430 Holland Street W. is a great destination for gifts at a reasonable price. The toy section inside of the store will satisfy any child's every wish, without emptying your wallet. There are dozens of deals on action figures, LEGO, Barbies, board games, and more. One item that stood out was a Play-Doh Cake & Ice cream factory set for only \$19.99. (Reg. \$34.99), recommended for children ages 3 and older; it comes with 10 cans of coloured Play-Doh, as well as the modelling mechanism and tools.



2. **Shoppers Drug Mart**, 140 Holland St. West, is also a great place to buy on a budget. Giant Kinder

eggs will make great stocking stuffers, at only \$11.79 a piece. Inside of the packaging is an irresistible 750g milk chocolate egg - containing an over-sized kinder toy. For only \$19.99 (Reg. \$29.99), a Mini Table Soccer set will make for hours of entertainment. The set is equipped with two soccer balls, and it's already pre-assembled. A mini air hockey table is also available at Shoppers Drug Mart for the same price.



3. If you want to spoil your pets this Christmas season, check out the display at Bradford's **TSC store**, located at 190 Holland Street W. Super pet blankets and beds are on sale for just \$17.99 each. Allow your pet to enjoy this Christmas in comfort! Also at TSC - loads of *Duck Dynasty* merchandise and memorabilia. For only \$9.99, a *Duck Dynasty* T-shirt in a cup is the ideal gift for the duck-maniac in your family. Also *Duck Dynasty* DVD's, hats and gloves!

4. **The Entertainment Liquidators** outlet on Holland St. (the old Blockbuster building) offers great deals on almost

anything entertainment-oriented. There are incredible bargains on board games, DVD/Blu-Ray, books, collectibles, puzzles, video games and much more, ALL under \$20. The Bradford location is one of 10 stores in Ontario. Surprise your children with awesome Christmas gifts that cost over 50% less than the regular store price - or find more deals on the store's website, www.entertainmentdeals.ca



5. **Walmart** is rolling back the prices from now until December 24th - so you will always be able to scope out great gifts at a manageable cost. Walmart's toy department is full of outstanding bargains - like remote control vehicles, on sale for \$20 apiece in a variety of colours and styles - the perfect gift for that speed demon in your family. Board games are also on sale for under \$20. There's plenty of time to plan a family game night at least once during the Christmas break.



6. Located at 25 Holland

St. East, "U at Home" home décor is the perfect store to unleash your inner holiday decorating skills. Here, you can also find heart-warming gifts at an attractive price! For only \$10.99, you can choose from an outstanding display of coloured scarves, hats, and mittens. There are cute gift mugs, a perfect teachers' gift, on sale for \$12.99. If you're feeling festive, you can also pick from a selection of gourmet holiday treats for under \$5!




7. At **The Source**, 484 Holland St. W. in Bradford, our pick were the \$20 iStudio speakers, offering crisp sound, both indoors and out. The weather-resistant design prevents water and wind damage. A Thunder Tumbler Radio-controlled car is perfect for entertaining children, and adults! Recommended for those ages 6 and older, the "Tumbler" is able to tear through any terrain - while popping wicked trick! Only \$19.96 (Reg. \$29.99).


8. **ReXall Pharmacy** isn't just a drug store - it's also home to affordable gifts and stocking stuffers! Located in the Summerhill Village plaza, ReXall has bargains on chocolates, toys, books/magazines, and more. Star Wars LEGO sets are great for filling stockings and look awesome when on display! The sets are

see BUDGET Page 17

*Merry
Christmas
& Happy
New Year*



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Councillor Ward 2



*Wishing you and
your family a
Merry Christmas
and Best wishes
for the Season!*

**CARL
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Ward 4 Councillor

Gifts on a budget

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recommended for children ages 6-12, and contain 72-94 pieces each. Build your own clone walker or glide across the Imaginary snow with your very own snow trooper, at a Holiday Price of \$15.99 each.



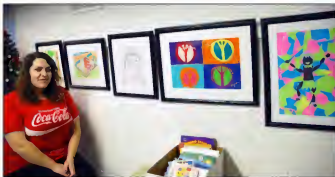
9. Dutch Treats. 15 Holland St. East, has been in business for over 60 years - providing the community with imported Dutch candies, clothing, and décor. For \$12.99 - you can purchase a Dutch gift basket, containing a cute Christmas ornament and Dutch chocolates. Or choose from a selection of decorative mugs and glass figures - from \$6.99-\$12.99 a piece. Dutch T-shirts and slippers are also on sale for up to \$19.99.



Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
to 2014 President!

From
Ward 1 Councillor
Raj Sandhu & Family
email:rsandhu@townofbwg.com
cell: 905.960.0291

Coats for Kids closed for Holidays



One of the key fundraisers for the Coats for Kids campaign is the Silent Auction of Youth Art, that is part of the annual BWG Studio Art Tour. Not only do the funds raised go to Coats for Kids, some successful bidders donate the artwork, to be put on display at the Coats for Kids Depot on Frederick St. Here, volunteer Coordinator Catherine Snow, with donated art. Below, Highland GM dealership in Aurora held a Coat Drive in November - and donated the results to Coats for Kids.

The deep freeze on December 12 led to a line up of families, waiting for the Bradford Coats for Kids Depot to open its doors on Thursday evening.

Coats for Kids is a grassroots program that recycles gently-used children's winterwear, in the St. Mary's "A" Hall on Frederick St. The Depot welcomes families every Thursday, from 6 to 8 p.m., to drop in, and find warm winter coats, snowsuits, bunting bags, hats, mitts, scarves and boots for their children, at no charge.

And just in time to meet the need, Highland GM of Aurora delivered a truckload of donated coats, hats and winterwear, the result of a month-long coat drive in memory of the late Jack MacFadden, founder of the Bradford campaign.



MacFadden, educator, author and humanitarian, was shocked one winter to see children shivering in the schoolyard, without hats or coats - and came up with the idea of recycling out-grown winterwear, to ensure that no child had to face a cold Canadian winter unprepared.

MacFadden passed away in 2012, but his work has continued. Son Johnny MacFadden was behind the clothing drive at Highland GM - and was thrilled with the community response.

Donations of gently-used winterwear for children can be dropped off at the Depot, or at the Office of the Bradford Times, 74 John St. West. For information email coats4kids@live.com.

Note: The Depot is open this evening, December 19, but then will be closed for the Holidays, reopening Jan. 9.



Above, Carolyn Burn with some of the new, unwrapped toys dropped off at Decorator's Edge Benjamin Moore Paints, at 284 Holland St. West in Bradford, for the annual Toy Drive.

The donations will go to local families, facing financial hardship at this time of year - registered with the Children's Aid Society of South Simcoe County. The Toy Drive continues at the store until this Friday, December 20.

Have a Very Merry Christmas!

Wishing you and your loved ones much peace, harmony, joy and contentment this holiday season.
I know I couldn't have asked for better neighbours than you - thanks!

Peter Dykie
Ward 7 Councillor

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Storman Norman Wey and Jaclyn De Melo of Re/Max Chay Realty carried on a tradition, Nov. 30 - providing free horse-drawn wagon rides with Santa in the Southfield Heights and Summerlyn Subdivisions, to the delight of families.

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A journey to the Lost City

"Wondering what was going on, it appeared the cook wanted to accompany him into the kitchen; he had something there he wanted to show us. Maybe it was just my cynical nature, but to me this was not a good sign.... The cook pointed up to the rafters, and there, wrapped around a supporting post was a small box constrictor snake eating a bat."

Eric Whitehead's first book, "Then There Was One: The Ultimate '70s Road Trip" - co-authored by Murray Jupe - detailed a coming-of-age, cross-continent road trip, complete with socio-political commentary and iconic cultural references.

His second book, South American Odyssey, chronicled a 2011 trip to South America with wife, Karen.

In between, in 2005, the couple travelled to Peru, and walked the Inca Trail from Cusco to the 15th century ruins of Machu Picchu - the subject of his newest book, *Journey to the Lost City*.

"I was 53, and Karen was 52,"

Whitehead says, and he admits that if they had realized just how demanding the hike was, they might have had second thoughts about making the trip.

They did spend months preparing for the hike, walking up to 10K per day.

But there was no way to prepare for the impact of the high elevation. The Inca Trail starts at about 10,000' above sea level, and climbs through a mountain pass to 14,000', before descending to Machu Picchu - elevation 8,000'.

Fortunately, they decided to stay in Cusco for 3 days before setting out. "We were totally acclimatized by the time we started the hike," Whitehead says. Even better, they were accompanied by a guide and 7 porters, who carried

everything but their daypacks.

"These porters are phenomenal - they're like the Sherpas in the Himalayas," he says, providing assistance as well as encouragement. "It's quite literally out of this world. We quite literally did not know if we'd be able to do it."

As and hard as the climb up was, the way down was harder. "It's just a stone pathway... thousands of steps!" he says. "It

just kills your knees."

Despite the physical effort, Whitehead kept a journal of the trip - including their three days in the Amazon, and a trip to Coca Canyon in southern Peru. Twice as deep as the Grand Canyon, the Coca Canyon is home to Peru's remaining population of condors.

He also took numerous photos along the way - and the color photographs are a welcome addition to *Journey to the Lost City*, bringing to life the comments, images and people of Peru. A great book for anyone thinking of travelling to Peru's landmarks, or just dreaming of hiking the Inca Trail.

To order, contact Eric Whitehead at ewhitehead@rogers.com or call 705-456-2215 - or visit www.theatroadtripbook.com

Whitehead is admittedly hooked on travel. The family used to take a road trip through the U.S. every year, with their two sons. "By the time they

graduated from High School, they were based on all 49 states - by car," he laughs.

Now, he and Karen plan their travels based on "continents", not countries. They've "done" North America, travelled extensively in South America, through western Europe, and recently visited Viet Nam. In Asia, their next adventure? Hopefully Australia and Antarctica. "but it's expensive and needs a lot of time, and my wife still works."



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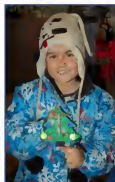


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NFB @ Library

The Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, presents **The Shortest Day** - a free day-long screening of National Film Board shorts, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 21. The films will play continuously on the Library's TV screens.



Isabella made a Christmas Tree ornament at the Bradford Public Library's Free Family Saturday on Dec. 7.

community listings

MEETINGS

SOUL SURVIVORS: A Cancer Support Community meets the 1st Weds. of the month at Trinity Anglican Church, 7:30

p.m. For cancer survivors and those currently experiencing cancer - a support group in a spiritual context, followed by a short complimentary service of healing. Contact Fr. Dan Graves, 905-775-2200.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church
1468 Sideroad #5, Bradford
Sundays 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStrien
www.springdalecc.net

Newton Robinson United Church
Hwy 27 & Gore, 10 Tecumseh,
Sewice 8:00 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 68 west of Hwy. 27
Sewice 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available

905-775-2512

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & James St.)
Sunday Services 9am & 10:30am
Sunday School, 10:30am
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanchurch@rogers.com

St. John's Presbyterian
2540 - 10th Sideroad
(8th Line & Middletown SR)
905-775-7474
Sunday Services 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery provided.
aj@stjohnspresbyterian.ca

Bradford Alliance Church
758 Simcoe Road, Bradford
16am Sunday Service
Mid Week Home Groups
Monthly Men's Breakfast
905-775-0068
www.bradfordalliance.ca

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford
Bilingual Services
Liturgy Sunday & Feast
Days 10:00 am
Prast 905-775-0105

St. Catherine of Alexandra Catholic Church
(Byronia Hill)
16 Helen St. West, Sunday Eucharist:
9:30am (Akanian), 11:30am (English)
905-775-8282
info@stcatherineofalexandra.ca

Holland Manor Christian Reformed Church
18335 Duffrills St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
Sundays 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery with service
Mid-week youth & adult programs
Rev. Richard Bodini
905-775-7281
E: hollandmanor@rogers.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-9412
Sunday Service:
10:00 a.m.

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
167 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2065
Alcanta
Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m.,
11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Confessions
1/2 hour before Sunday mass.

Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.
905-775-7288
Service - 10 am
Sunday School & Nursery
Available
www.bradfordunited.com

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Colborne's Hill
(NW corner of County Rd. #4 & 11th Line)
Sunday Service at 10:00 am.
Sunday School 9:30 am
289-231-3253

Bradford Community Church
Mid-week small group
905-775-8328, based on the St. Peter of
Hwy #11 & Gore rd
Sunday Worshippers: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery - Birth to 3 yrs Children 4-12 yrs

Riverbide Bible Chapel
905-836-1798
40246 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
1:00 pm Afternoon Service
7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

Bradford Baptist Church
3204-10th Sideroad
2 km north of Holland St. W
9 am - Portuguese Service
10:30 am - English Service
10:30 am - Kids Program (Totter-Cracks R)
Mid Week Home Program & Portuguese Ministry
905-775-5706
www.bcbw.ca

The Baha'i World Faith
905-551-2219
www.Baha'i.org

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, view-alanon.alcanta.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 1-888-441-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 6th Thurs. of each month with upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7:9 p.m. For information see www.speakfor-success.org All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club hosts a weekly Bingo. Mondays, 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.ca

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund-raising performances and cabbage rolls sale every Sat. and Sun. 12 to 4 p.m. info, call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7:9 p.m. on the 3rd Tues. of the month, at the New Brad-

ford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: There is a new support group that meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in a safe, non-judgemental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous.

YOUNG PARENT PROGRAM AND MOTHERCARE/NEXT STEP: The Young Parent Program for pregnant and parenting youth under the age of 25, held at the Ontario Early Years Centre at 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, is CLOSED for the holiday season from December 16 - reopening on Monday, January 6, 2014. The MotherCare/Next Step programs for pregnant and parenting women with children up to 2 years of age, which also meets at the Ontario Early Years Centre, will be CLOSED starting December 19, reopening Wednesday, January 8.

FRI., DEC. 20 LIBRARY ON THE LOOSE: Books, stories and surprises from the Bradford Public Library for pre-schoolers at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 10:30 a.m. Free - drop in!

BRADFORD BORN ARTISTS FUNDRAISING HOLIDAY SHOW: Upstairs at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd.

Doors Open 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 for this all-ages event - a fundraiser for Joey's Fedora Foundation, founded by Joey Mazzucco. For tickets email bradfordbornart@gmail.com

SAT., DEC. 21 KRIS KINGLE BASKETBALL CLUB'S CLASS: Saturdays, 10:30am. Simcoe Basketball Club hosts a special afternoon at the BWG Leisure Centre, from 1 to 5 p.m. Includes Small Ball Skills Challenge for kids 5 to 7 years old starting at 1 p.m., and games at 3 and 4 p.m. Santa will be there!

SUN., DEC. 22 COMMUNITY CAROLING: Several Bradford area churches are coming together to do some Community Christmas Caroling. Meet at the Bradford Baptist church, 3224 - 10 Sideroad at 7 p.m., to divide into groups and go carolling in various neighbourhoods. Musical talent not required - just the joy of the season. Sign up at www.bbwbc.ca

HOLIDAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: At St. Catherine of Alexandra Catholic Church, 56 Heam St. in Bond Head, at 3 p.m. With Monsignor Conrad Dackuch. All welcome - including pets.

TUES., DEC. 31 FAMILY FIRST NIGHT IN BWG: from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford. Free leisure swimming and skating, bubble bunnies, strolling entertainers, balloon animals, live music, and hot choo-

late provided by Tim Hortons. At 8:30 move outside for live entertainment by David Cavan Fraser and Special K. In Sunshine Square, followed by a Mini Fireworks Show at 9 p.m.

TIM HORTONS FIRST NIGHT: At the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Dr. in Newmarket, 5 to 10 p.m. KidZone, Bouncy castles, horse-drawn wagon rides, entertainment, crafts - and family fireworks at 9 p.m.

INNISFIL PUBLIC LIBRARY NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY: All-ages party at the Lakeshore Branch on Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Balloons, bubbles, noise-makers, dancing, and a countdown at noon! **ICE CORP FAMILY NEW YEAR'S SKATE:** Innisfil Recreation Complex, starting at 5 p.m. Skating, food, door prizes, followed by Fireworks in the parking lot at 7 p.m. \$5 adults, \$2 children under 12.

Babysitting, First Aid courses

Babysitting Course, for Kids 11 and up - Monday, December 30 at Bradford Alliance Church, 752 Simcoe Rd. (south of Bradford), from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Anita Horlings for details at anita@simplefirstaid.ca

Standard First Aid / CPR Course, Thursday and Friday, January 2nd and 3rd from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, at Bradford Alliance Church. Sign up by contacting Anita Horlings, at anita@simplefirstaid.ca

O come, all ye faithful.

Ye not so faithful, welcome too.

Bond Head and Newton Robinson United Churches

Sun., Dec. 22: Christmas Sunday, Communion, 6:30 am at BR, 11:00 am at BR

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: Family Christmas Service, Bond Head United, 6:00 pm

Candlelight and Carols, Newton Robinson United, 6:30 pm
Candlelight & Holy Communion, Bond Head United, 8:00 pm
May Christ be born anew in your hearts and in your lives this Holy Season. Merry Christmas!

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Advent IV, December 22

9:00am & 10:30am - Holy Eucharist
7:30pm - Carols & Christmas Music

Christmas Eve, December 24

7:00pm - Family Christmas Eucharist
11:00pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day, December 25

10:30am - Holy Communion & Carols
Incense to be used

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford, ON
905-775-2200



Lessons & Carols

Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford, 62 Church St., hosts a **Carol Sing and Christmas Music** on Sunday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcomed. On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, there will be a Family Christmas Eucharist at 7 p.m., and a traditional Christmas Eve Mass at 11 p.m. And on Weds., December 25, come for Holy Communion and Christmas Carols, with flute and saxophone, at 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Presbyterian Church Christmas Advent Service on Sunday, December 22 at 11 a.m.; Christmas Eve Service on December 24 at 7 p.m., and Christmas Sunday Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 29. The church is located at 10 Sideroad and 8th Line BWG.

Community Caroling! Want to go caroling, in Bradford? Several local churches are involved in Community Christmas Caroling on Sunday, Dec. 22. Meet at Bradford Baptist Church, 3224 - 10 Sideroad at 7 p.m., to divide into groups. For more information, or to sign up, visit www.bbcweb.ca

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Bradford Baptist Church, 3224 - 10 Sideroad in Bradford West Gwillimbury, at 6 p.m. on December 24. Christmas carols and special music.

Bradford United Church, 56 Barrie St., hosts **Readings and Carols**, a special Christmas Eve service for families, at 6 p.m. on December 24, that also includes a special story for the young and young-at-heart. At 8 p.m., come to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service.

Innisfil Community Church, 1571 Innisfil Beach Rd., hosts their annual **Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Sing** on Tuesday, December 24 at 8 p.m. The Carol Sing includes solos and instrumental numbers, a children's Nativity scene, and a special candle-lighting by members of the audience. For information call 705-436-1611.

St. Paul's Coulson's Hill Anglican Church (Yonge St. and Line 11) holds Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 24. All Welcome.

Free Christmas Dinner

Innisfil Community Church hosts a **Christmas Eve Dinner** at the church, 1571 Innisfil Beach Rd., 6 p.m. on December 24. A Free Turkey Dinner for Seniors, stranded students, anyone who is alone this Holiday season or in need - anyone who will not be having a Christmas Dinner anywhere else. By reservation only; call 705-436-1611.

Blessing of the Animals

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church is holding a Holiday Blessing of Animals and Pets at the parish, 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head, at 3 p.m. on December 22. Everyone is welcome - parishioners, friends, and pets!

Recipes at St. Jean

St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic Elementary School is selling a Recipe Booklet, with all proceeds going to the school's Breakfast Program for kids. The Booklet is only \$12 and contains 21 tried and tested recipes - including the famous Can't Beet This Monster-March Carron Double Chocolate Muffins. To purchase your Recipe Booklet and support the Breakfast Program, contact Benedita Wilkerson, at beneditawilkerson@rogers.com or call 416-704-2120.

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Family-Friendly First Night celebrations

The Innisfil Public Library hosts a **Noon Year's Eve Party** for kids, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 31, at the Lakeshore Branch on Innisfil Beach Rd. Balloons, bubbles, noise-makers, party hats, dancing, and a count-down at noon! All ages - drop in!

Looking for a family-friendly New Year's Eve? The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury hosts **Family First Night Celebrations** on Tuesday, December 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. Free Leisure swimming and skating at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave.; bouncy castles and strolling entertainment, balloon animals, live music, hot chocolate courtesy of Tim Hortons - and the grand finale of a Mini-Fireworks display at 9 p.m. Free activities begin at 6 p.m. and wind down at 8:30 p.m., when guests are invited to step outside, to be entertained by David Cavan Fraser and Special Kim in Sunshine Square, followed by fireworks.

Tim Hortons First Night Celebrations, Dec. 31 at the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Dr. in Newmarket, 5 to 9 p.m. Horse-drawn wagon rides, KidZone, free skating and swimming, free rides on the Tim Hortons Express train, entertainment - and at 9 p.m., the Grand Finale of Fireworks! Free family event.

The City of Barrie hosts its **Downtown Countdown**, from 7 p.m. on Dec. 31 to 12:15 a.m. on Jan. 1, at City Hall. Includes free skating at the City Hall Circle, horse-drawn wagon rides, face-painting, food vendors, and live entertainment - starting at 7 p.m. with children's entertainers Splash 'n Boots, followed by Children's fireworks show at 7:45 p.m. Music continues

- headliner is Big Wreck. More fireworks at midnight.

Innisfil Community Events Corporation (I.C.E. Corp) presents a **Family New Year's Eve Skate & Fireworks** at the Innisfil Recreation Complex, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. Skating, free food, Door prizes, and fireworks at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 12.



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Registration: New Get Fit BWG Challenge

Equilibrium Lifestyle Management Canada Inc. (eLifestyle) has successfully completed its first Community-wide Online weight-loss challenge for Bradford West Gwillimbury residents.

The Get Fit BWG Weight Loss Challenge, launched in September, wrapped up on December 1 - achieving its goal of improving individual and community fitness and wellness.

As part of the wrap-up, eLifestyle held an Awards and Meet & Greet Event to thank the BWG community for its support, and to recognize all of the participants who worked hard to change their lifestyle and achieve their goals. The event was held at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library on December 15, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose room.

Special congratulations to the following, who reached milestones with their weight loss goals or contributed significantly to the eLifestyle Facebook group. Winners were determined by percentage of weight lost, rather than lbs. lost.

Grand Prize winners - Megan Saunders (12.9% weight loss) and Randle Hanlon (12.6% weight loss). Saunders won 4 sessions of In-Home training and fitness analysis from eLifestyle (valued at \$520). Hanlon won a gift voucher worth \$300 for services at Be Well Chiropractic Health & Wellness.

2nd Place - Jen Keele (10.6% weight loss); she

won 15 water refills at Water Depot (value \$100). **3rd Place** - Michael Lambert (9.9% weight loss); won a yoga mat and water bottles from Needham Promotions.

The entire group averaged an amazing 9% weight loss (29.5 lbs.) - and lost a cumulative grand total of 1,239 lbs.!

Participants shared stories of dropping clothing sizes, being comfortable enough to wear a bikini on vacation, experiencing positive increases in energy and self-image, and improved stamina - as well as loss of cravings, the creation of a new and sustainable lifestyle that balanced nutrition and exercise, and the discovery of new friends, on the Get Fit BWG Facebook group.

Grand Prize winner Megan Saunders called the

program "amazing... Not only did I lose weight and inches, but I feel stronger, have more energy, and I honestly don't really care what the scale is saying anymore because I feel so good about myself."

eLifestyle has already kicked off its January 2014 Online Weight Challenge; register by December 24 for an early bird discount of 10%. There will be a sign-up date on January 2, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the BWG Library, 425 Holland St. West.



"It's the perfect time to turn to personal fitness and wellness programs as a way to reduce stress and provide clarity to an often hectic lifestyle," said eLifestyle's President Leah Epstein - and the prizes are bigger and better than ever. For more information, see www.eLifestyle.ca or www.getfitbwg.com

Submitted Photo: Megan Saunders, before (left), and after.

Kris Kringle Classic

The South Simcoe Basketball Club is hosting its inaugural Kris Kringle Christmas Classic, Saturday, December 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. The public is invited to attend: **Cood Small Ball Skill Challenge** for kids 5 to 7 years old, starting at 1 p.m. Young participants will Shoot, Dribble, Pass - and get a photo with Santa.

U10 South Simcoe Sonic Boys will play a YNBA team, at 3 p.m. in OBA action.

U16 South Simcoe Sonic Boys will play a YNBA team, in more OBA action at 4 p.m.

All are welcome! There will also be a "half-time" show featuring dancers with the Bradford School of Dance, and a fundraiser, selling logo merchandise to assist two families facing financial hardship at Christmas.

Sports shorts

BWGMHA Rep results

NOVICE SELECT

Brampton Novice MD - 6, Bradford Selects - 3. Goals by Jacob Sim, Matthew Carvalheiro and Matthew Sivrac, from Brandon Spadafora (2), Caleb Christophersen (2) and Colton Graham.

Barrie Selects - 4, Bradford Selects - 3. Goals by Jacob Sim with 2, single by Kaden Reinhardt, from Colton Graham, Lucas Wehby, Andrew Alves, Caleb Christophersen, Brandon Spadafora and Matthew Sivrac.

MINOR PREMIER

Doe, 7, NobleKing - 3, Bradford - 1. Lone goal by Tyler Mumford, from Owen Hodgson. Outstanding goallending from Caleb Garbe. Despite obstacles, the team held it together, keeping the game close.

Hockey Day in BWG

Hockey Day in Bradford West Gwillimbury is scheduled for Saturday, January 19 at Bud Brown Park in Bond Head.

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tyke Hockey teams will be BWG, Beeton and Schomberg will be celebrating Canada's great sport of hockey, playing on outdoor rinks. The Bond Head Lions Club will serve up a pancake breakfast, and later, a BBQ lunch, and once again there will be horse-drawn wagon rides through the park. For details, email info@hockeydayinbwg.ca or call 905-775-5359 ext. 5102.

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Bradford Novice #2 Local League Hockey team made the Championship Finals in the Dec. 6-8 Blue & Gold Tourney - but had to settle for Silver.

The Bradford Novice #2 Local League hockey team participated in the Bradford Blue & Gold Tournament, Dec. 6-8.

Game 1, Dec. 6, Bradford #2 - 4, Whitby Dragons #4 - 3. Goals by Jacob Sim with 2, from Brandon Spadafora and Parker Davenport. Singles by Tyler Klic from Sim; and Spadafora from Andreas Alves.

Game 2, Dec. 7, Bradford #2 - 3, Barrie Police - 3. Bradford goals from Brandon Spadafora from Andreas Alves and Braydon Brown; Philip

Collings from Alves and Jacob Sim; and Tyler Klic from Sim. Game 3, Dec. 8, Bradford #2 - 7, Leiftrim Hawks #6 - 0. Goals by Jacob Sim with 4, Brandon Spadafora with 2, single by Andreas Alves. Assists to Tyler Klic, Grayson Coburn, Spencer Ryan, Brayden Lyte and Spadafora. Austin Domingues was solid in net. **Championship Final**, Barrie Police - 7, Bradford #2 - 1, for a 2nd place finish for the team. Lone Bradford goal by Braydon Brown. In an outstanding tournament effort.

BWGMHA Local League action

TYKE LL

Dec. 14, Bruins - 3, Leafs - 0. Bruins scoring by Liam Beninati with 2 goals - one unassisted, one from Gian Carlo Garibaldi; assist by Lucas Del Balzo.

NOVICE LL

Nov. 22, Bradford #2 - 7, Beeton #1 - 2. Goals by Jacob Sim and Andreas Alves with a pair apiece, singles by Parker Davenport, Braydon Brown and Kaden Reinhardt, from Sim, Matthew Svrac and Brandon Spadafora. Super netminding by Spencer Ryan.

Nov. 23, Bradford #2 - 9, Thornton #2 - 0. Goals by Matthew Svrac with a hat trick, singles by Parker Davenport, Brandon Spadafora, Andreas Alves, Philip Collings, Kaden Reinhardt and Jacob Sim. Assist to Reinhardt, Svrac, Spadafora, Collings and Tyler Klic. Shutout to Austin Domingues.

Nov. 30, Bradford #2 - 13, Schomberg #1 - 1. Five outstanding goals from Jacob Sim, hat tricks for Kaden Reinhardt and Brandon Spadafora, singles by Brayden Lyte and Braydon Brown. Assists to Andreas Alves, Matthew Svrac, Grayson Coburn and Spadafora.

Dec. 2, Bradford #1 - 5, Bradford #2 - 4, in a battle of Bradford! Bradford #1 goals by Matthew Carnevali with a hat trick, singles by Lucas Wehby and Tristan Marques, on assists from Remy Yoo, Marques, Fraser Callacott, and Kaleb Christensen (2). Bradford #2 scoring by Matthew Svrac with a pair, singles by Kaden Reinhardt, and Jacob Sim (unassisted). Helpers to Sophia Stam, Sim and Svrac. Outstanding goaltending by goalies Austin Domingues and Carsyn Elliott.

ATOM LL

Dec. 7, Bradford #3 - 0, NobleKing #1 - 0. Goals by Andrew Gwilliams with a hat trick (2 unassisted). Luis Faria with a pair, singles by Adam Clayton (unassisted), Markus Marcel and Emily Lavigne. Helpers to Jakob Luzzi (3), Gwilliams, Faria (2), and Jacob Sanelli. Shutout to Nandor Barna.

Dec. 8, Bradford #3 - 4, Innisfil #1 - 4. Bradford goals by Markus Marcel, Kyle Smith, Owen Osborne and Andrew Gwilliams on assists from Adam Clayton, Antonio Kutlarovski, Marcel and Jacob Sanelli.

Dec. 14, Bradford #3 - 7, Lefroy #2 - 0. Goals by Owen Osborne with the hat trick, Luis Faria with a pair, singles by Andrew Gwilliams and Kyle Smith (unassisted). Assists to Faria, Smith (2), Markus Marcel, and Andrew Gwilliams (2). Another shutout from Nandor Barna.

Dec. 14, Bradford #2 - 6, NobleKing - 1. Scoring by Kevin Zwaal with 2 goals, singles by Nathan Pruitt, Anthony Miolla, Ethan Rendine, and Joshua Langille. Assists to Sawen Bezeera (2) and Brennan Fellman.

Dec. 15, Bradford #3 - 5, NobleKing #2 - 3. Goals by Owen Osborne with 2 (1 unassisted), singles by Andrew Gwilliams (unassisted), Kyle Smith (unassisted) and Adam Clayton. Helpers to Smith, Gwilliams and Antonio Kutlarovski. Dec. 16, Bradford #3 - 5, Schomberg #2 - 2. Scoring by Andrew Gwilliams with 3 (1 unassisted), singles by Kyle Smith and Antonio Kutlarovski, from Owen Osborne, Tristan Mikelait, Jacob Litzl, Christian Flynn, Gwilliams and Luis Faria.

PEWEE LL

Nov. 25, Bradford #4 - 1, Schomberg #1 - 1. Bradford goal by Blake Fellman, unassisted. Dec. 9, Thornton #2 - 5, Bradford #4 - 2. Goals by Matt Quizz and Brett Lassen, from Brayden Heatley, and Mason McCarty.

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VAN DYKE, Sidney (Sid) - Suddenly but peacefully at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto on Friday, December 13, 2013. Sid Van Dyke of Barrie and formerly of Bradford in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of late Hedy (nee Matthews). Loving father of Eleanor (Richard) Horlings, Glenda (Jim) Van Hemert, Janice Van Dyke (Albert Wierenga) and John (Janis) Van Dyke. Dear grandpa of Erin, Morgan, Devon (Brad) Groeneweg, Timothy (Stephanie), Scott and John Horlings, Marcia (Richard) O'Hearn, Jodi (Jay) Saville and Mark (Jamie) Hoving. Mikhail Wierenga (Becky Thomas) and Todd Wierenga, Connor and Paige Van Dyke. Dear great grandpa of Brooklyn Groeneweg, Lauren O'Hearn, Liam Saville, Thomas, Ally and Andrew Hoving. Dear brother of late John Van Dyke, Robert (Barbara) Van Dyke and Andrew (Corrie) Van Dyke. Sid will be lovingly remembered by his friend and companion Helen Mathews. Friends called at SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, Bradford for visitation. Memorial service was held at the First Christian Reformed Church of Barrie, 33 Shirley Ave., Barrie on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 2 p.m. Donations to the Holland Marsh and District Christian School would be appreciated.

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and your picture in a frame
Your memory is my keepsake
with which I'll never part
God has you in His keeping
I have you in my heart*

Miss you love you always, your family.



GBSSA Swim meet in Bradford

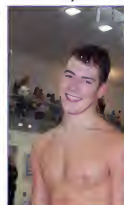


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The Holy Trinity Catholic High School swim team represented Bradford in the GBSSA championships, held Dec. 17 at the BWG Leisure Centre. Below right, swimmer Weston Langford had an outstanding meet, placing 2nd in competition. Below, one of 2 HTS Girls Relay teams.

Over 400 young swimmers participated in the Georgian Bay Secondary School Association Swim Championships, Dec. 17 at the BWG Leisure Centre. Swimmers from schools in Bradford, Innisfil, Barrie, Collingwood, Huntsville and other municipalities within the GBSSA catchment competed in individual races and team relays.

Holy Trinity Catholic High School from Bradford saw at least one swimmer finish in 2nd place- hoping to earn a berth at OFSAA.



BWGMA Local League

HOCKEY, from Page 23

Dec. 14, Bradford #4 - 2, NobleKing #2 - 2. Goals by Brett Lassen and Brayden Heatley, from Chase Lawlor and Heatley.

Dec. 16, Bradford #4 - 3, Bradford #1 - 0. Bradford #4 goals by Brett Lassen (unassisted), Erik Mak and Brayden Heatley. Assists to Matt Quizi, Nathan Pruitt, Kaela McCutcheon and Lassen. Ryan Kiernan earned the shutout.



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